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Physician Promotion and Conflict of Interest: The Threat to Drug Safety

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What is “Conflict of Interest”

A conflict of interest is a set of circumstances that creates a risk that professional judgments or actions regarding a primary interest will be unduly influenced by a secondary interest.



Dollars for Docs: The Top Earners

by [Hanna Trudo](#) and [Theodoric Meyer](#)
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March 13: This post has been [corrected](#).

When [Dollars for Docs](#) first launched in 2010, ProPublica spoke with several of the [dozens of doctors](#) who had earned more than \$200,000 from their speaking and consulting work for drug companies. Now, with records from more companies and more years of data, [we've identified 22 doctors](#) who've earned at least \$500,000 since 2009 — including one, Jon Draud, who was paid more than \$1 million.

Most of these in-demand speakers hail from a just handful of states: four each from New York and Texas, and two each from California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Half are psychiatrists, including three of the top four earners. The most

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By Andrew Jack in London

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